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HEARING SCHEDULED IN HELENA-WEST HELENA

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing in Helena-West Helena on Tuesday, March 16, to receive comments on a remedial action plan for the former Cedar Chemical Corp. facility.

The hearing is at 6 p.m. at the UAMS Area Health Education Centers Delta, 1393 Arkansas 242 South.

Only oral or written comments presented at the hearing or written comments submitted to ADEQ by 4:30 p.m. on March 25 will be considered in the decision-making process for the final Remedial Action Decision Document (RADD). Only those who submit comments during the designated comment period are eligible to appeal any final decision by ADEQ.

ADEQ technical staff will attend the hearing to discuss the proposed RADD and a hearing officer will be present to accept any formal comments.

The RADD describes the agency's plans for clean-up of the 48-acre industrial site located on Arkansas 242.

The facility produced various agricultural and organic chemicals before Cedar Chemical Corp. filed for bankruptcy in March 2002. ADEQ assumed control of the site later that year.

An ADEQ comprehensive assessment report in 2004 indicated environmental issues at the site included abandoned chemicals, buried drums, groundwater contamination, surface and

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subsurface soil contamination and an abandoned stormwater treatment system.

The RADD and documents used in preparation of the RADD are available for review at the ADEQ headquarters, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, or at UAMS Area Health Education Centers Delta in Helena-West Helena.

Written comments on the RADD may be submitted to ADEQ, Attention: Clyde E. Rhodes Jr., Hazardous Waste Division chief, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR, 72118 or by fax at (501) 682-0565.

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